

EXHIBITOR & PARENT SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED ON THE BACK OF THIS ENTRY FORM.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK CODE OF ETHICS

Montana 4-H is based on principles of positive youth development. We believe that all producers and exhibitors of livestock have an interest in maintaining a reputation of integrity as well as an interest in presenting a positive and progressive image at livestock shows. Because we believe that all livestock producers want to produce a wholesome, safe and reliable source of food for the public, we have adopted the following "4-H Livestock Code of Ethics." Violations of this code are considered unethical in the raising, showing and exhibiting of livestock for 4-H shows and fairs.

Sportsmanship. All exhibitors and their families are encouraged to conduct themselves in a positive, honest, sportsmanlike manner during shows. Losing gracefully is just as important as winning humbly. The following practices are prohibited:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as abusive language to show officials, other exhibitors, or spectators is prohibited.
- Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
- Criticizing or interfering with the judge, other exhibitors or show officials while at the show or fair may result in an individual or group being expelled, placed on probation or declared ineligible to exhibit at the show.

Treatment of Animals. All animals are to be treated in a humane manner. Adequate feed, water, and shelter are to be provided at all times. Physically abusing an animal is unacceptable at all times and the maltreatment of animals will not be tolerated. Exhibitors who abuse their animals, for whatever reasons, will be disqualified from the show. Striking an animal to cause swelling is absolutely prohibited. Your pens at Fair must be cleaned at least once a day.

Administration of Drugs. The Livestock Program does not permit the use of drugs, herbal compounds, or surgical procedures which affect an animals' conformation, appearance, natural color, or behavior. Livestock requiring any medication should be identified upon arrival at the 4-H Office. Exhibitors should be prepared to present a valid prescription or a written explanation, either or both to be signed by the animal's licensed veterinarian. If livestock requires medication or treatment after arrival at the show, any medication used to protect the health and welfare of the animal must be prescribed by a licensed veterinarian and approved at the Division Livestock Committee meeting during the Fair. Administration of all medications must, at all times, be done in accordance with the specification and/or instructions given in the prescription. Liability for the correct administration of the prescribed drug is the responsibility of the exhibitor and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian. Administration of a drug or substance of any kind or description, internally or externally, except for treating a recognized disease or injury, is prohibited. For the purpose of this code, "drug" shall mean any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions that affect the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems of an animal. Only those drugs approved and labeled for use on species specific animals can be administered, and proper dosages and withdrawal times must be observed. Exhibitors own and manage livestock, and are ultimately responsible to see that they follow appropriate and approved practices. In addition, the following practices are prohibited and unethical

- The use of any diuretic on any animal.
- The use of any non-approved substance on animals. Labels should specifically identify which animals have been cleared for the use of such substances and the proper dosage.
- The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
- Treating or massaging any part of the body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance to temporarily straighten a weak back or loin or to produce unnatural animation.
- Minimizing the effects of crampiness by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants, or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment exempting normal exercise.
- Administration of tranquilizers to calm down animals.
- Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, teeth, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of teats or horns, clipping or dressing of hair, and trimming of hooves.
- Insertion of any foreign material under the skin.
- Any attempt to change natural color of any animal, either purebred or crossbred, by changing the color or adding false hair, fleece, or skin at any point, spot or area of the animal's body.
- Any grooming material on an entry, when rubbed with a cloth or gloves, which shows evidence of artificial color shall be disqualified – this does not apply to hoof dressing on hooves.

Violations. Any violation of the rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion or probation of the exhibitor or organized groups the exhibitor represents and the exhibit or livestock involved in the violation. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action of the livestock show committee will be final. Such action will require application for readmission under such terms as the committee may prescribe before the group or individual is allowed to exhibit at future shows. The livestock committee reserves the right to interpret rules and arbitrarily settle all differences and questions not adequately addressed by the above code of ethics. Consequences for misconduct may be serious and have a lasting effect. Consequences may include expulsion, loss of premiums and expulsion from future fairs. We have the right to have any animal removed from the MontanaFair. The Livestock Show Committee will consist of Yellowstone County Extension Agent Roni Baker, Department A Superintendent(s) and the Division Chairperson(s).

MONTANA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DRUG WITHDRAWAL FORM

In regard to the use of animal health aids, growth promotants or other livestock substances, **I am aware that:**

- Chemical substances used in livestock production, disease prevention, or disease control have approved withdrawal times before slaughter;
- Information on specific use and withdrawal times can be found on product label instructions for those drugs approved for use on livestock;
- Tranquilizers and other non-approved substances are strictly prohibited for use on food animals.
- Physically tampering with or altering an animal's muscle tissue is not allowed.

Therefore, I certify that the animals I bring to this show have: (Must check one)

____ While in my ownership, never been given any substance which required a withdrawal time before slaughter;

____ Complied with legal withdrawal times in the use of one or more approved chemical substances for animal health, growth promotion, or other livestock management practices and have never used a substance which is not approved for use on animals.

Any animals found with evidence of drug residues, evidence of physical tampering or evidence of administration of non-approved substances will be disqualified and dismissed from the fair grounds. I understand that a violation of approved usage of animal substances may be prosecuted and that such animals will be disqualified from further exhibition or sale. I further understand that if I am found in violation of these policies, I will forfeit and return all sales receipts and premiums to the sale committee and buyer(s). Further, I understand that **ANY** animal at the fair is subject to comprehensive drug tests at the option of the show management. The fair and its officers and management will not be held legally responsible for violations of these policies.

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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DEPARTMENT A – JUNIOR LIVESTOCK
OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR
SIGN-UP FORM

**THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR ENTRY FORM AND SUBMITTED TO THE
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE.**

Please indicate which of the following species you would like to participate in at Fair by marking with an X.
You may apply in more than one species area.

BEEF_____

SHEEP_____

SWINE_____

This award will be scored on an application, interview, animal points and showmanship points. Please see the Fair Book Junior Livestock section for a breakdown of the points awarded in each area.

Your application and point sheet will be included in your packet that you receive prior to the fair. There will be no need to sign up at the fair.

Date

Exhibitor's Name